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SUBJECT: JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

1) FYI: HEADQUARTERS OF WATCH TOWER SOCIETY IN NEW YORK HAS ADVISED IN JAN. 2 LETTER TO DEPT. THAT ITS RHODESIAN OFFICE REPORTS MALTREATMENT OF WITNESSES IS EASING OFF IN NORTH AND CENTRAL REGIONS OF MALAWI BUT IS INCREASING IN THE SOUTH. INFORMANTS ALLEGE THAT MANY WITNESSES IN THAT PART OF COUNTRY ARE FLEEING TO MILANGE REFUGEE CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE. BY DEC. 14 OVER 1,000 WITNESSES WERE SAID TO HAVE GONE TO MILANGE. OTHER REPORTS ALLEGE THAT IN THE DZALEKA DETENTION CAMP NEAR DOWA, NORTH OF LILONGWE, THERE ARE NOW OVER 3,000 MALE WITNESSES WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD. FEMALE WITNESSES ARE REPORTEDLY HELD IN A DETENTION CAMP AT NSANJE IN THE EXTREME SOUTH OF MALAWI.

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2) DEPT. STILL RECEIVING NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL
INQUIRIES ON WITNESSES PROBLEM BUT FAR FEWER THAN BEFORE.
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